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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, SHUM, ID
SUBJECT: STATUS OF W.S. RENDRA

REF: STATE 207636

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS SPECULATION (WHICH WE ARE SO FAR UNABLE TO VERIFY), THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO TRY W.S. RENDRA UNDER ARTICLES 154, 155 AND 156 OF THE PENAL CODE WHICH ARE KNOWN AS THE "HATE SOWING ARTICLES) LEFT OVER FROM DUTCH COLONIAN DAYS AND AS SUCH, ARE HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL WITHIN INDONESIA. UNDER ARTICLE 154, ANYONE WHO STATES FEELINGS OF HATE FOR OR INSULTS THE GOVERNMENT MAY BE SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS IN JAIL OR FINED 300 RUPIAHS (NOTE: IN DUTCH DAYS, YOU COULD LIVE WELL FOR A MONTH ON 300 RUPIAHS; TODAY IT IS WORTH ABOUT 75 U.S. CENTS). UNDER ARTICLE 155, WHOEVER ISSUES OR SHOWS LETTERS OR PICTURES WITH CONTENTS REFLECTING AN ATTITUDE OF ENMITY AND WITH THE INTENSION OF SHOWING THEM TO A LOT OF PEOPLE CAN BE SENTENCED TO FOUR AND A HALF YEARS OR FINED 300 RUPIAHS. UNDER ARTICLE 156, ANYONE WHO STATES FEELINGS OF ENMITY TOWARD OR INSULTS ONE OR MORE GROUPS OF INHABITANTS IN INDONESIA MAY BE SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS IN JAIL OR FINED 300 RUPIAHS.

2. ONE OF RENDRA'S WIVES HAS APPEALED TO THE
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AUTHORITIES TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS OF SETTLEMENT OF HER HUSBAND'S CASE. RENDRA HIMSELF, HOWEVER, STATED AUGUST 15 THROUGH THE INSTITUTE OF LEGAL AID (LBH) THAT HE PREFERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE LAW COURT RATHER THAN BEING SET FREE WITHOUT DUE PROCESS. THE LBH SAYS IT AGREES WITH HIM BECAUSE A TRIAL WOULD ENSURE LEGAL CERTAINTY.

3. COMMENT: WE CANNOT COMPLETELY SECOND GUESS THE INDONESIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES' ATTITUDE TOWARDS SOMEONE THEY CONSIDER A LONG TIME TROUBLEMAKER, BUT WE QUESTION WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL BRING RENDRA TO TRIAL. HIS SHOWMANSHIP (AND SOME SAY, HIS FADING FORTUNES WHICH MAKE HIM ALL THE MORE ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN PUBLICITY) MIGHT WELL PLAY MORE INTO HIS HANDS THAN THEIRS. THERE REMAINS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY, THEREFORE, THAT AFTER A CERTAIN PERIOD IN DETENTION, MEANT AS A STRONG WARNING, RENDRA WILL SIMPLY BE RELEASED.
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